

January 31, 2003

Country of Origin Labeling  
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA  
Attn: William T Sessions, Associate Deputy Administrator  
Stop 0249 Room 2092-S  
1400 Indendence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I have been, for many years, a pecan grower in Terrell County, Georgia. As a pecan producer, I would encourage the USDA to take action to do what is necessary to have pecans included in the Country of Origin Labeling. Pecans are being imported into the USA from other countries and it would be beneficial for the consumer to know the origin of the pecans they are buying.

I feel pecans were unfairly eliminated from the Country of Origin Labeling bill and wish to express my concerns as a pecan producer.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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Greentree Pecan Farm